Regional Centres of Films Division

1435. SHRI R. SARATH KUMAR: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) the number of regional centres of Films Division in the country, at present;

(b) whether these centres are well equipped;

(c) if not, the steps taken for equipping them with latest equipment;

(d) whether there is any proposal to set up more regional centres of the Film Division in the country; and

(e) if so, the details thereof alongwith locations?

THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRIMATI SUSHMA SWARAJ): (a) There is a Unit of the Division at New Delhi for production of family welfare and defence training films. There are also two Regional Production Centres of Films Division at Bangalore and Kolkata.

(b) and (c) The Regional Production Centres are equipped with essential infrastructure like cameras, editing machines and recording equipments. Subject to availability of funds, upgradation is undertaken under a Plan Scheme for modernization and replacement of obsolete equipment.

(d) No Sir.

(e) Does not arise.

Inquiry Against DD Officials

1436. SHRI R. SARATH KUMAR: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) Whether the CBI has been making inquiries in a number of cases involving Doordarshan Officials who had been favouring a number of private compaines and other deals;

(b) if so, the details of the progress of the cases so far; and

(c) the action taken or contemplated by Government in each case?

THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRIMATI SUSHMA SWARAJ): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) to (c) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.